

REMARKS

The Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I. Claims 1-13, 23 and 25;
- Group II. Claim 14;
- Group III. Claim 15;
- Group IV. Claim 16;
- Group V. Claims 17-18; or
- Group VI. Claims 19-22, 24 and 26.

For purposes of providing a complete reply to the Action, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-13, 23 and 25) for prosecution on the merits. This election is made with traverse, however, because the nature of the subject matter is such that it would enable the Examiner to search the claims of Groups II-VI. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that it would not create an undue hardship on the Examiner to search Groups I-VI together since the search will be conducted within the same field of search. (See M.P.E.P. § 803).

Claims to the non-elected inventions are withdrawn, without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications thereon. It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

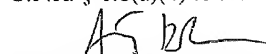


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